

Meade County News.

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MEADE, KANSAS

The war in South Africa has doomed the Highland kilt as a fighting dress, and it will now survive as a parade uniform only.

During the year 1898, 52,661 vessels, of 34,233,580 tons, entered and cleared Chinese ports. Of these vessels, 743, of 239,152 tons, were American.

Piper Findlater of Dargal farm has now secured a farm in his native county of Aberdeen, where he intends tilling the soil for the remainder of his days.

Jumping the rope is said to be a remedy for derangement of the liver. Many middle-aged persons in England now regularly engage in this exercise, and declare they derive great benefit from it.

A pious gentleman in Greeley, Pa., insisted upon having prayers just before dinner. His wife and daughter objected so strenuously that the pious gentleman attacked them with a fork, and seriously wounded the wife.

The Americans introduced the first sewing machines into China after great difficulties and taught the Chinese their use, and today, in the flourishing cities of Shanghai, Hong Kong and even in Peking, the tailoring establishments are benefited by them.

Movable targets of a new sort have been invented for the use of the German army. These targets are propelled toward the marksmen at full speed to represent a cavalry charge, being run on rollers, the motive power supplied by horses, which are started at a gallop after being attached to the target ropes. The soldiers thus learn to gauge distance and its variations with great accuracy.

A mountain of alum rock is a natural curiosity which exists in China, about twelve miles from the village of Lion Chek. The mountain is about ten miles in circumference at the base and its height is 1,940 feet. The stones are quarried in large blocks, and after being heated in furnaces are thrown into vats of boiling water. At the bottom of the vats the alum crystallizes in layers about six inches in thickness.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, is a very clever mechanical engineer, and very interested in machinery. The other day he left his compartment in the train, put on a workman's blouse, and drove an engine from Salzburg to Munich. It will be remembered that the unfortunate King of Bavaria before his mind gave way, often traveled in this way on the engines, and the legitimate drivers always received a promptly pourbaire at the end of the journey.

As England continues to send reinforcements to South Africa, in spite of the declaration that the war is practically over, the suspicious Frenchman declares that the English government is preparing for a descent on Madagascar. On the other hand, it is conjectured that provisions are being made against the possibility that the Suez canal may be closed in the event of a war in Asia. Neither supposition is tenable, says the Army and Navy Journal. Whatever success the English may have had against the Boers, the waste of war is so great as to require constant re-enforcement of an army in the field.

In Africa losses in action by the British during the present war have exceeded 1,000 at Colenso, Dec. 15, 1899, when there were 1,054 killed, wounded and missing; Farquhar's farm and Nicholson's neck, Oct. 30, 1899, when they numbered 1,226; in the battles about Ladysmith, 1782, Feb. 19 to 27, 1900; at Paardeberg, Feb. 16-27, 1,436, and at Spion kop, 1,646. Jan. 17 to 24, at Stormberg the loss was 702; at Magerfontein, 902; at Sunna's post, 541. In each of the other engagements the losses amounted to less than 500, the total being 1,363 officers and 18,128 men.

Indoor gymnastics of the "upside down and violent type," when indulged in to excess, are said to induce various physical ills in after life. In the endeavor to develop one specialized set of muscles, the harmonious balance of the physical forces of the body is destroyed. The athlete, with the arms, shoulders and chest of a Hercules, may have puny legs, an irregular heart, or some other form of weakness. "What the man of today needs most," says a recognized authority in the science of physical development, "is not athletics, but plenty of fresh air in his lungs. Instead of violent exercise that weakens him for hours afterward, he needs to learn how to breathe right, stand right and sit right."

Excellent results are reported to have been obtained by the French government from experiments made with wireless telegraphy. It was found that communication could be maintained with comparative ease between the shore and a ship at the distance of sixty miles, only the height of the mast of the ship preventing longer distance being attained. In consequence of this success it has been decided to equip the French Mediterranean squadron with the necessary apparatus.

A new Maine statute prohibits the placing of inscriptions upon the stars and stripes, and several political flags bearing the names of candidates for president, vice president and governor have had to be taken down in consequence.

According to the statistical year book of German cities, it appears that the consumption of horse meat is on the increase, and in Breslau, Chemnitz, Dresden, Leipzig, Zwickau and other places dogs are slaughtered for food.

CURRENT KANSAS FACTS.

BRIEF MENTION OF INTERESTING EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The new city building in Topeka is to be completed September 15.

The two water and light companies of Parsons have consolidated.

The state bank of Belleville has opened for business. It is a new bank.

Ralph Ingalls, the son who most resembles his father, is with the army in Manila.

Old settlers of Rocks, Norton, Graham and Phillips counties will hold a reunion at Logan, September 5 to 7.

Leavenworth coal miners threaten a strike on September 1 if their pay is not raised. About 900 men are affected.

Lawrence Boyington, assistant coach at Cornell university, is to coach the Kansas University football team this fall.

The work being done by the Santa Fe in straightening its tracks and reducing its grades is going on upon a large scale.

There is an increasing demand for contracts for Kansas hay. The crop is short from the Mississippi to the Atlantic.

Judge Otis, of Atchison, estimates Senator Ingalls' wealth at \$250,000. It is said that he left his estate to Mrs. Ingalls.

Automobile races will be a part of the entertainment prepared for the good roads congress in Topeka on September 25.

Governor Stanley has appointed J. D. S. Riggs, president of Ottawa University, as a member of the state board of education.

W. J. Turner, one of the marines killed in Pekin, was a Topeka boy. During the Spanish war he served on the Indiana.

Ray Simpson, a 10-year-old boy, is plowing the wheat stubble on the home farm for another crop. He has no assistance.

A Mulvane man who deeded his property to his children, is said to have appealed to the courts for aid in obtaining food.

The boring for gas at Burlington has reached its third effort. Two deep holes were bored and one more attempt is to be made.

Dickinson county and vicinity has experienced two weeks of 100 degree weather with hot winds. Pastures and corn are cooked.

Civil service examinations are appointed at Parsons October 10; Wichita October 1 and 23; Topeka September 28; Salina October 10 and 23.

A company of volunteers is being raised in Leavenworth to go to the Orient. They offer to go as United States or Kansas volunteers.

William Jones, a negro who confessed stealing a watch, was chased by the city marshal of Newton, and, refusing to stop on the marshal's command, was shot in the leg.

A Hutchinson dispatch says that I. P. Campbell and Claude Duval have joined in asking that a new convention be held in the Seventh district to name a candidate for congress.

The First congressional district has 213,839 population; a net gain of 5,148. The Second 237,292; net gain 2,308. The Third 227,582; gain 9,496; the Fourth 183,688; gain 3,403; the Fifth 171,853; gain 4,807; the Sixth 168,424; gain 11,232; the Seventh 252,030; gain 17,845.

Mrs. Helen Lampkin, of Chillicothe, Mo., and her husband, both under 20 years old, were traveling towards Nebraska in a wagon, when she was attacked with typhoid fever and died at Abilene. They were very poor.

Of course it was a Kansas soldier who sealed the wall of Pekin, took up the end of the rope and his comrades climbed the rope. He enlisted in Wichita April 15, 1899. He first enlisted in Vermont in 1898. His name is Calvin S. Titus, and while in Wichita he belonged to the Salvation army.

W. E. Hart, president of the National Association of Accountants, is organizing Kansas bookkeepers. The object is technical education, the exchange of ideas and the maintenance of an employment bureau.

Congressman Bowersock, of Lawrence owned the mill at Galena which was swallowed by the earth on the South Side mining ground. A large force was at work, but the men were warned by the cracking noise in the earth beneath them and escaped. The mill alone cost \$8,000.

Charles Plummer, aged 14, who had just finished a term at the reform school, was killed in Wichita while trying to jump on a moving freight train.

Thomas Banks, of Arkansas City, will contest the will of Moses M. Davis of Rome, N. Y., who gave in his will \$10,000 to \$12,000 of his property to the Christian Scientists.

The veterans of the First Kansas regiment, who took part in the battle of Wilson Creek, August 10, 1861, held their annual reunion at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Bartley Coyne, of Shawnee county, has had a sale. A horse which he bought at a similar sale four years ago for \$2.50, sold at this sale for \$63.

A party of volunteer ladies went to the Masonic home in Wichita and picked, peeled and prepared the fruit for two barrels of cider, made 19 gallons of apple butter, eight gallons of boiled cider for mince pies, 25 quarts of grape jelly, with other jellies and butters. They put up 150 cans of peaches, and did lots of other work of the same nature.

Herrington is to hold a fall festival, September 6-8.

The Twenty-third Kansas held their reunion in Topeka, August 22-23. A three days reunion of old settlers at Westmoreland commenced August 20.

The Woodmen's logrolling at Winfield brought about 10,000 people together.

Ellsworth county is seriously discussing the establishing of a county high school.

The Union Pacific is putting down gumbo ballast at the rate of half a mile a day.

A special train went from Topeka to carry attendants at the funeral of ex-Senator Ingalls.

The Iowa Portland Cement company pays out \$2,500 to its employees every Saturday night.

A fresh raid on Topeka justification on the day before the Bryan notification, broke up 40 of them.

Three persons were injured by runaway attendants at a picnic in Nortonville last week.

John Erickson, of Sumner county, threshed 35 bushels of wheat to the acre off of bottom land.

Chas. Roberts was arrested at Williamsburg charged with killing a harvest hand in Western Kansas.

Two new threshing outfits were burned in McPherson county last week. Eight stacks of wheat were burned also.

A bank at La Crosse paid out on wheat checks in the first nine days of August \$70,000; and the rush had only begun there.

There were 1,025 out of town people taken into Topeka on August 23, by the Santa Fe, Rock Island and Union Pacific roads.

Mrs. Henry Hewitt was found dead in her bed at her home in Marshall county, in which she and her husband had resided for 40 years.

The Fort Scott log rolling was called off by the executive committee on account of failure to get rates from the railroads which they wanted.

It is said that 2,000 people assembled at Wetmore, from Nemaha, Brown and Jackson counties, at the annual Modern Woodmen logrolling on August 23.

At the soldiers' reunion at Oswego on September 6 Governor Stanley will present medals to the members of Co. G, Twentieth Kansas, who live in that vicinity.

If Hutchinson's new ordinance is valid it will cost telegraph companies about \$600 a year, the Bell Telephone company \$1,000 and the express companies \$100 a year each.

Secretary Coburn told the National Agricultural Congress, assembled at Colorado Springs, that Kafir corn, alfalfa and the soy bean must revolutionize the agriculture of the semi-arid plains.

Some of the creameries are getting out of butter to fill orders. The shrinkage of the dairies on account of continued dry and hot weather is the cause. The weather, however, is improving.

The Frisco railroad has made arrangements to run a special train to Wichita from Columbus, Kansas, on September 5, the date of the annual logrolling of the Woodmen of the World in that city.

Miss Bessy Capper, a sister of Arthur Capper, and Superintendent H. S. Myers, of the public schools of Garnett, are married. The bride has been a teacher in the state deaf and dumb school at Olathe. Rev. S. B. McGrew, who united the bride's parents 39 years ago, officiated.

Senator Ingalls held two life insurance policies for \$10,000 each. They were fifteen payment policies which were taken December 23, 1885.

Prisoners in Western Kansas are too smart to stay in jail, it would seem. Every few days officers in the eastern part of the state are notified that prisoners have escaped.

According to the assessors' returns of Kansas Galena made the largest gain in population, Iola made the next largest gain, 2,041, and Wichita the next largest gain, 1,780.

Hall's Summit suffered from two fires, one in town burning a general store and a grocery store. Other buildings were saved by hard work. The other was a big barn outside of town with its contents, including 1,500 bushels of corn.

Jas. Wallace, a farmer across the Missouri river from Leavenworth, was killed by Dr. Arrington in a quarrel over a line fence. The doctor drove to Leavenworth, but soon went back over the river and took his little daughter and skipped out.

Joseph Potter, now 80 years old, is probably the first white settler in Atchison county. He moved over from Missouri June 3, 1854, the day after the bill passed opening Kansas territory to settlement.

Captain W. A. Green, a Fort Scott man now commanding a cavalry company in the Philippines, has been tendered a captaincy in a French expedition into the Sahara desert. Major Ingels, of Larned, Kas., is to command the convoy which will start in October 1901 and last two years.

A man whose clothing was marked F. C. Weber, was arrested at Burlington, with a complete set of burglar's tools in his satchel.

A permanent organization of the Kansas commissioners to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1901, has been effected. The officers are: President, L. F. Randolph; vice president, H. F. Sheldon; secretary, J. E. Junkin; treasurer, C. A. Mitchell. The executive committee consists of the above officers, together with Mrs. A. H. Thompson.

COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Heavy	4.90	5.90	
HOGS—Choice to heavy	5.05	5.25	
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	85	85 1/2	
CORN—No. 2	26	26	
OATS—No. 2	20	20 1/2	
RAY—Choice timothy	9.50	9.50	
Choice prairie	6.25	6.50	
BUTTER—	12	12 1/2	
EGGS—	12	12 1/2	
Chicago.			
WHEAT—No. 3 hard	70 1/2	70 1/2	
CORN—No. 2	21 1/2	21 1/2	
OATS—No. 2	21 1/2	21 1/2	
St. Louis Live Stock.			
BEEVES—	4.00	4.00	
CORN—No. 2	25	25	
OATS—No. 2	15	15	
Cotton.			
Liverpool	Uplands	Gulf	
New York	5 1/2	10c	
Galveston	5 1/2	10c	
Wheat Live Stock.			
WHEAT—	Open	High	Low
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